

## Pennsylvania

### AIDS Rate per 100,000

12.1\*

### State Funds for HIV Early Intervention Services

STATE EXPENDITURES	
Required Base	SFY 2007 Expenditures Maintenance
\$3,589,072	\$7,515,000

  

SAPT EXPENDITURES	
FY 2005 HIV Set-Aside	FY 2008 Planned
\$2,944,021	\$2,944,021

### FY 2008 SAPT Reports

Set-aside funds are made available through contracts with service providers, and Single County Authorities. Early intervention services included pre/post-test counseling; HIV prevention and education; regular HIV testing, HIV rapid testing, partner notification; other diagnostic, evaluation, and therapeutic services; and linkage to health and social services.

HIV EARLY INTERVENTION SERVICES PROVIDED							
Rapid Testing	Funding Rapid Testing	Regular HIV Testing	Pre-Test and Post-Test Counseling	Referral Services	Risk Assessment	HIV/AIDS Education	Outreach
✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	

### State Narrative Summary

With more than \$3 million in annual funding, Pennsylvania has implemented an array of HIV early intervention services for people with substance abuse disorders who are in treatment. Services have included one-on-one, client-centered HIV prevention counseling; oral fluid and/or blood specimen HIV antibody testing; results counseling; partner notification; CD4 and viral load testing; and an array of diagnostic, evaluation, and therapeutic services. Services were funded through contracts with community-based and single county authorities; more than 200 substance abuse treatment facilities provided on-site HIV counseling and testing

\*The most recent data published prior to October 1, 2007 by the CDC is Table 14, Reported AIDS cases and annual rates (per 100,000 population), by area of residence and age category, cumulative through 2005-United States, HIV/AIDS Surveillance Report 2005 Vol. 17, U.S. Department of Health and Human services, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, National Center for HIV, STD, and TB Prevention, Division of HIV/AIDS, Prevention, Surveillance, and Epidemiology. Single copies of the report are available through the CDC National Prevention Information Network, 1-800-458-5231 or 301-562-1098 or <http://www.cdc.gov/hiv/topics/surveillance/resources/reports/2005report/table14.htm>

services. Programs benefitted from strong collaborative efforts between the Bureau of Drug and Alcohol Programs, the Bureau of Communicable Diseases, Division of HIV/AIDS, the Department of Public Welfare, county and municipal health departments, HIV Prevention Program field staff, and Ryan White-funded providers. In addition, the program funded HIV prevention and intervention training programs for drug and alcohol program treatment staff. In FY 2008, the Department anticipated continued funding of its HIV intervention programs, with the goal of providing HIV prevention counseling to 12,000 substance abusers in treatment; HIV testing to 10,000 of these individuals; and referral of 80 HIV positive people with substance abuse problems to health and social services.

## Full State Narrative

### FY 2005 (COMPLIANCE)

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The Department maintained its allocation of over three million dollars for HIV Early Intervention (HIV EI) services to substance abusers in treatment, including injection drug users, in areas of the state that have the greatest need (as determined by AIDS epidemiology). In Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2005 (10/01/04 – 09/30/05), 16,476 substance abusers in treatment received HIV prevention counseling; 10,566 were tested for HIV antibodies, and 80 HIV positive substance abusers were identified and linked with health and social services. These figures are much lower than anticipated. Drug and Alcohol sites in Pennsylvania utilize OraSure, the oral test for HIV antibodies, rather than venipuncture, which is difficult for many clients in treatment to handle. For almost one half of this reporting period there was a nationwide shortage of reagents (Vironostika HIV-1 OMT EIA kits) used to test OraSure specimens for HIV-1 antibodies. The cause for this shortage resides with BioMeriux; a subcontractor of OraSure Technologies and sole manufacturer of oral fluid reagents. Without the reagents, oral testing for HIV had to cease across the nation. This impacted the willingness of clients to undergo HIV counseling and testing. Regardless of this problem, all clients that were in treatment in the funded areas during this period were offered HIV EI services to include the following: one-on-one, client-centered, HIV prevention counseling; oral fluid and/or blood specimen HIV antibody testing (ELISA and Western Blot); results counseling; partner notification; CD4 and viral load testing; other diagnostic, evaluation and therapeutic services; and linkage with health and social services.

HIV funds were allocated for HIV EI services through contracts with the Spanish American Civic Association/Nuestra Clinica in Lancaster County, and the following Single County Authorities: Allegheny, Berks, Bucks, Chester, Dauphin, Delaware, Erie, Lehigh, Northampton, Philadelphia, and Schuylkill. There are over 200 substance abuse treatment facilities providing on-site HIV counseling and testing services.

Strong collaborative efforts continued between the Bureau of Drug and Alcohol Programs (BDAP), the Bureau of Communicable Diseases, Division of HIV/AIDS, the Department of Public Welfare, county and municipal health departments, HIV Prevention Program field staff, and Ryan White-funded providers. Training on HIV, tuberculosis, sexually transmitted infections, and other health-related topics were provided for drug and alcohol treatment staff through an on-site training system that is a collaborative effort between BDAP and the Division of HIV/AIDS. The Division of HIV/AIDS allocated \$100,000 in funding for this training initiative. A public health program administrator in the Division of HIV/AIDS provided technical assistance in program development and implementation, as well as guidance and monitoring. The Division of HIV/AIDS continued to fund the laboratory contracts for blood and oral fluid HIV antibody testing and CD4 and viral load testing for the Drug and Alcohol sites. Hepatitis B vaccines continued to be made available to substance abuse treatment programs through collaboration between the Bureau of Communicable Diseases, Division of Immunizations and BDAP.

## **FY 2007 (PROGRESS)**

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The Department has maintained its allocation of over three million dollars for HIV Early Intervention (HIV EI) services to substance abusers in treatment, including injection drug users, in areas of the state that have the greatest need (as determined by AIDS epidemiology). In Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2007 (10/1/06 – 9/30/07), approximately 10,000 substance abusers in treatment will receive HIV prevention counseling; 7,000 will be tested for HIV antibodies, and 60 HIV positive substance abusers will be identified and linked with health and social services. All clients that are in treatment in the funded areas are offered HIV EI services that includes the following: one-on-one, client-centered, HIV prevention counseling; oral fluid and/or blood specimen HIV antibody testing (ELISA and Western Blot); results counseling; partner notification; CD4 and viral load testing; other diagnostic, evaluation and therapeutic services; and linkage with health and social services.

HIV funds continue to be allocated for HIV EI services through contracts at the Spanish American Civic Association/Nuestra Clinica in Lancaster County, and the following Single County Authorities: Allegheny, Berks, Bucks, Dauphin, Delaware, Erie, Lehigh, Northampton, Philadelphia, and Schuylkill. There are over 200 substance abuse treatment facilities providing on-site HIV counseling and testing services.

Strong collaborative efforts have continued between the Bureau of Drug and Alcohol Programs (BDAP), the Bureau of Communicable Diseases, Division of HIV/AIDS, the Department of Public Welfare, county and municipal health departments, HIV Prevention Program field staff, and Ryan White-funded providers. Training on HIV, tuberculosis, sexually transmitted infections, and other health-related topics is provided for drug and alcohol treatment staff through an on-site training system that is a collaborative effort between BDAP and the Division of HIV/AIDS. In State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2006/07, the allocation for training was maintained at \$100,000. A public health program administrator in the Division of HIV/AIDS provides technical assistance in program development and implementation, as well as guidance and monitoring. The Division of HIV/AIDS continues to fund the laboratory contracts for blood and oral fluid HIV antibody testing and CD4 and viral load testing. Hepatitis B vaccines continue to be made available to substance abuse treatment programs through collaboration between the Bureau of Communicable Diseases, Division of Immunizations and BDAP.

## **FY 2008 (INTENDED USE)**

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The Department of Health will continue to allocate over three million dollars for HIV Early Intervention (HIV EI) services to substance abusers in treatment, including injection drug users, in areas of the state that have the greatest need (as determined by AIDS epidemiology). In Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2008 (10/1/07 – 9/30/08), 12,000 substance abusers in treatment are anticipated to receive HIV prevention counseling; 10,000 will be tested for HIV antibodies, and 80 HIV positive substance abusers will be identified and linked with health and social services. HIV EI services will continue to include the following: one-on-one client-centered, HIV prevention counseling; oral fluid and/or blood specimen HIV antibody testing (ELISA and Western Blot); results counseling; partner notification; CD4 and viral load testing; other diagnostic, evaluation and therapeutic services; and linkage with health and social services. It is expected that HIV funds will be allocated for HIV EI services, based upon monitoring of the programs, through contracts at the Spanish American Civic Association/Nuestra Clinica in Lancaster County, and the following Single County Authorities: Allegheny, Berks, Bucks, Dauphin, Delaware, Erie, Lehigh, Montgomery, Northampton, Philadelphia, and Schuylkill. There will continue to be more than 200 substance abuse treatment facilities providing on-site counseling and testing services.

Strong collaborative efforts will continue between the Bureau of Drug and Alcohol Programs (BDAP), the Bureau of Communicable Diseases, Division of HIV/AIDS, the Department of Public Welfare, county and municipal health departments, HIV Prevention Program field staff, and Ryan White-funded providers. Training

on HIV, tuberculosis, sexually transmitted infections, and other health-related topics will continue to be provided for drug and alcohol treatment staff through an on-site training system that is a collaboration between BDAP and the Division of HIV/AIDS. It is anticipated that in State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2007/08, the allocation for training will be maintained at \$100,000. A public health program administrator in the Division of HIV/AIDS will continue to provide technical assistance in program development and implementation, as well as guidance for monitoring. The Division of HIV/AIDS will continue its funding of the laboratory contracts for blood and oral fluid HIV antibody testing and CD4 and viral load testing. Hepatitis B vaccines will continue to be made available to substance abuse treatment programs through the cooperative efforts of the Bureau of Communicable Diseases, Division of Immunizations and BDAP.

## **HIV Early Intervention Services**

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In FFY 2005, approximately 220 drug and alcohol treatment programs in twelve Pennsylvania counties provided on-site HIV counseling and testing services. The following Single County Authorities (SCA's) received funding for HIV counseling and testing services in FFY 2005: Allegheny, Berks, Bucks, Chester, Dauphin, Delaware, Erie, Lehigh, Northampton, Philadelphia, and Schuylkill. A drug and alcohol treatment program in Lancaster received HIV EI funding through a contract with the Division of HIV/AIDS.

BDAP and the Division of HIV/AIDS continued their collaborative efforts in providing HIV, tuberculosis, sexually transmitted diseases, and other health related training on-site for drug and alcohol treatment staff. In State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2004/05, 72 training events were conducted for approximately 1,320 participants. Both quarterly report reviews and annual monitoring of the HIV EI services were performed. Quality Service Organization Agreements were maintained between the drug and alcohol treatment programs and the Pennsylvania Department of Health or the local county/municipal health department.

HIV EI services continued to include HIV prevention counseling, HIV antibody testing of blood and oral fluid specimens (ELISA and Western Blot); results counseling; partner notification; CD4 and viral load testing; other diagnostic, evaluation, and therapeutic services; and linkage with health and social services.

For FFY 2005, 16,476 prevention counseling sessions and 10,566 HIV antibody tests were conducted with substance abusers in drug and alcohol treatment programs in Pennsylvania. During this time, 80 individuals tested positive for HIV in the Drug and Alcohol treatment sites and were linked with health and social services. The Allegheny SCA utilized HIV EI funding for contracts with 14 drug and alcohol treatment programs to provide on-site HIV counseling and testing services at 55 locations. HIV counseling and testing services were provided by trained drug and alcohol staff. This SCA also provided HIV EI funding to two drug and alcohol treatment programs outside of Allegheny County (Abraxas II in Erie county and Abraxas I in Forest County). Tadiso, Inc., a drug and alcohol treatment program, was contracted by the SCA to develop, coordinate and monitor the HIV EI activities. The Allegheny County Health Department worked with the drug and alcohol treatment programs to provide technical assistance, clinical care and laboratory services. The Berks SCA provided HIV EI funding through fee-for-service contracts with 13 drug and alcohol treatment programs for on-site HIV counseling and testing services. Fee-for-service funding was provided for HIV prevention (pre-test) and results (post-test) counseling. The treatment programs have integrated client-centered risk reduction counseling into their substance abuse treatment protocol. Each client receives at least two risk reduction counseling sessions per admission. The two drug and alcohol treatment programs with the largest number of HIV positive clients (New Directions Treatment Services and Berks Counseling Center) received program funding to provide on-site HIV primary care and medical care management. The Pennsylvania Department of Health Southeast District Office staff worked with the drug and alcohol treatment programs to provide technical assistance and partner notification, counseling and referral services, and the necessary linkages to clinical care.

The Bucks SCA provided HIV EI funding to agencies participating in the Bucks Consortium for AIDS Risk-Reduction Education and Services (Bucks CARES). Bucks CARES is a collaboration between the Bucks SCA, Bucks County Department of Health, Family Services Association (FSA) of Bucks County, Bucks County HIV/AIDS service providers and substance abuse treatment providers. As the coordinator of the project, FSA of Bucks County was funded to facilitate the process of linking HIV/AIDS services with drug and alcohol treatment facilities, coordinate HIV/AIDS training, operate a clearinghouse and library for HIV-related educational materials, coordinate cross-system referrals for all therapeutic care services, link clients with benefit programs, and provide consultation on HIV/AIDS related policy. The Bucks SCA contracted with the Bucks County Department of Health to provide HIV counseling and testing on-site at six drug and alcohol treatment programs and the SCA provided funding to a large drug and alcohol treatment program (Livengrin Foundation) to conduct on-site HIV counseling and testing for its clients and clients at two (2) local halfway houses (Good Friends, Inc., and Libertae, Inc.). The Bucks County Health Department staff worked with the drug and alcohol treatment programs to provide technical assistance and partner notification, counseling and referral services, and the necessary linkages to clinical care.

The Chester SCA provided HIV EI funding through fee-for-service contracts with seven outpatient drug and alcohol treatment programs for the provision of on-site HIV counseling and testing services. Counseling and testing services were provided by trained drug and alcohol counselors and the Chester County Health Department provided phlebotomy and partner notification services.

The Dauphin SCA provided HIV EI funding through fee-for-service contracts with nine drug and alcohol treatment programs for the provision of on-site HIV counseling and testing services. HIV counseling and testing services were provided by trained drug and alcohol counselors. The Pennsylvania Department of Health South Central District Office staff worked with the drug and alcohol treatment programs to provide technical assistance and partner notification, counseling and referral services, and the necessary linkages to clinical care.

The Delaware SCA utilized HIV EI funding to contract with an AIDS service organization (Delaware County AIDS Network) to provide on-site HIV counseling and testing services to 12 drug and alcohol treatment programs. The SCA also provided HIV EI funding to a methadone maintenance program (Crozer Chester) for on-site HIV counseling and testing services. The SCA also receives funds to provide coordinated outreach services to the IVDU / HIV high risk populations in the county. During each quarter of the reporting period, over 3,500 contacts were made during the outreach activities. Family and Community Services of Delaware County provided HIV case management services to all HIV positive clients engaged in drug and alcohol treatment. The Pennsylvania Department of Health Southeast District Office staff worked with the drug and alcohol treatment programs to provide technical assistance and partner notification, counseling and referral services, and the necessary linkages to clinical care.

The Erie SCA utilized HIV EI funding to contract with Gaudenzia Erie/ Shout Outreach Project to provide HIV counseling and testing services on-site to 12 drug and alcohol treatment programs. The Erie County Health Department provided partner counseling and referral services, CD4, viral load testing, and referral for primary care and case management for HIV positive clients.

The Lehigh SCA utilized HIV EI funding to contract with the Allentown Health Bureau to provide HIV counseling and testing services on-site to 12 drug and alcohol treatment programs. The SCA also provided HIV EI funding to a methadone maintenance program (New Directions Treatment Services) for on-site HIV EI services. The Allentown Health Bureau provided partner counseling and referral services.

The Northampton SCA utilized HIV EI funding to contract with the Bethlehem Health Bureau to provide HIV counseling and testing services on-site to 9 drug and alcohol treatment programs. The SCA also provided HIV

EI funding for on-site HIV EI services at a methadone maintenance program (New Directions Treatment Services). The Bethlehem Health Bureau provided partner counseling and referral services.

As the epicenter of the AIDS epidemic in Pennsylvania, the Philadelphia SCA's HIV EI project contained the most intensive primary care component of all of the HIV EI projects. HIV EI funding was utilized to provide fully integrated HIV EI services at 31 drug and alcohol treatment programs. The Philadelphia SCA's HIV EI program was comprised of three major elements: (1) on-site HIV counseling and testing services; (2) on-site comprehensive HIV medical assessment provided by a clinical field nurse; (3) referral to a main clinical site known as the Partnership Comprehensive Care Practice (PCCP). Through PCCP, a full array of comprehensive HIV-related health and support services was available to clients.

The Schuylkill SCA's HIV EI project satisfied the Block Grant's requirement that one project be in a rural area of the state. The SCA utilized HIV EI funds to contract with an AIDS service organization (Berks AIDS Network) to provide on-site HIV counseling and testing services at six drug and alcohol treatment programs. The SCA also used HIV EI funds for an SCA staff person to provide HIV counseling and testing services at its central intake unit. The Pennsylvania Department of Health Southeast District Office staff worked with the drug and alcohol treatment programs to provide technical assistance and partner notification, counseling and referral services, and the necessary linkages to clinical care.

In Lancaster County, the SCA did not wish to participate in this initiative, so HIV EI funding was provided to the Nuestra Clinica (a substance abuse treatment program) of the Spanish American Civic Association, through a contract with the Division of HIV/AIDS. Nuestra Clinica staff provided on-site HIV EI services within their program and also on-site at several other drug and alcohol treatment sites. The Pennsylvania Department of Health Lancaster State Health Center staff worked with the drug and alcohol treatment programs to provide technical assistance and partner notification, counseling and referral services, and the necessary linkages to clinical care.

HIV antibody testing of blood and oral fluid specimens was provided at all participating drug and alcohol HIV testing sites. The Pennsylvania Department of Health or local county/municipal health department HIV Prevention Program staff provided technical assistance and conducted when possible, HIV positive post-test counseling sessions and conducted all partner notification services at the participating drug and alcohol sites. Hepatitis B vaccines were made available to substance abuse treatment programs through a collaborative effort with the Bureau of Communicable Diseases, Division of Immunizations.

In all cases, with the exception of Allegheny County and Philadelphia, laboratory services (ELISA, Western Blot, CD4, and viral load tests) were provided through state-contracted laboratories funded by the Bureau of Communicable Diseases, Division of HIV/AIDS. In Allegheny County, the county Department of Health provided laboratory services. Philadelphia contracted with an independent laboratory for oral fluid testing.

A total of \$2,973,898 of Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment Block Grant funds were expended for HIV Early Intervention Services in FFY 2005. Funds were distributed to the eleven SCA's described above, as well as to Nuestra Clinica in Lancaster County. Non-Federal expenditures for HIV services totaled \$6,997,660 for SFY 2004/05 and \$7,104,993 for SFY 2005/06. However, only a portion of the non-federal funds are actually used for substance abusers. Information on expenditures limited to substance abusers in treatment for State appropriated funds is not available.

## HIV Early Intervention Programs Receiving Funds

HIV EARLY INTERVENTION FUNDS REPORTED BY STATE PROVIDER				
Program	Status	Address	Phone	Funds
ALLEGHANY COUNTY DRUG AND ALCOHOL PROGRAM	n/a	304 Wood Street Pittsburgh, PA 15222-1900	(412) 350-6956	\$780,919
CARON FOUNDATION	U	Galen Hall Road, Box A Wernersville, PA 19565	n/a	\$227,919
CHESTER COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF DRUG & ALCOHOL SERVICES	n/a	Government Services Center Suite 325, 601 Westtown Road PO Box 2747 West Chester, PA 19380	(610) 344-6620	\$4,624
COORDINATING OFFICE FOR DRUG AND ALCOHOL ABUSE PROGRAMS (CODAAP)	n/a	1101 Market Street Philadelphia, PA 19107	(215) 685-5448	\$885,916
CUMBERLAND/PERRY DRUG AND ALCOHOL COMMISSION	A	Human Services Building 16 West High Street Suite 302 Carlisle, PA 17013	n/a	\$15,646
DELAWARE COUNTY OFFICE OF BEHAVIORAL HEALTH	n/a	20 South 69th Street Upper Darby, PA 19082	(610) 713-2365	\$321,469
ERIE COUNTY OFFICE OF DRUG AND ALCOHOL ABUSE	n/a	155 West 8th Street Erie, PA 16501	(814) 451-6870	\$46,006
LANCASTER COUNTY COUNCIL ON ALCOHOL AND DRUG ABUSE	A	630 Janet Avenue Lancaster, PA 17601	n/a	\$324,384
LEHIGH COUNTY DRUG & ALCOHOL SERVICES	n/a	Government Center 17 South Seventh Street Allentown, PA 18101	(610) 782-3556	\$100,183
NORTHAMPTON COUNTY DRUG AND ALCOHOL DIVISION	n/a	Martin J. Bechtel Building 520 East Broad Street Bethlehem, PA 18018	(610) 997-5800	\$86,949
SCHUYLKILL COUNTY DRUG AND ALCOHOL	n/a	108 South Claude A Lord Boulevard Pottsville, PA 17901	(570) 621-2890	\$105,959

**Status Key:** [A] Active, [I] Inactive, [n/a] Not available, [P] Facility physically closed, [S] No substance abuse services provided, [U] Closed as duplicate of another facility.